

Annual Meeting Report

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, May 22.

The following officers were elected to one-year terms beginning July 1, 2005:

Arthur Slepian, President;
Ora Prochovnick, First Vice President;
Alex Ingersoll, Vice President;
Sara Haber, Vice President;
Karen Schiller, Treasurer;
Alan Foss, Recorder.

The following members were elected to three-year terms as Va'ad members beginning on July 1, 2005:

Joss Eldredge;
Paula Fleisher;
Richard Meyerson.

The following outgoing officers and Va'ad members were honored and thanked for completing their term of service:

Rose Katz, Vice President;
Marianne Balin, Va'ad member;
Leslie Kane, Va'ad member;
Geoff Benjamin, Va'ad member.

The following members were honored for their outstanding service as volunteers during the past year:

Lydia Radovich;
Kevin Johnson;
Jeanette Nichols;
Robert Bernardo;
Nathan Robinson;
Randy Blaustein;
Shelli Rawlings-Fein;
Michael Sporn;
Mark Gorman;
Sarita Groisser;
Larry Wong;
A.J. Turpen-Fried.

The budget for the coming year (2005-06) presented by treasurer Karen Schiller was approved unanimously.

Bowling Ukraine after Midnight: Visiting the Ukraine for Passover

by CSZ member and rabbinic student,
Joe Hample

On Sunday night, after a skimpy second seder, we grabbed a late dinner in downtown Poltava, Ukraine and discovered an all-night bowling alley attached to the restaurant. We bowled clumsily into the small hours, a bunch of cerebral Reform Jews speaking three languages, drinking strong local wine and eating chocolate, giddy with the weirdness of the moment.

We were a party of five. Two Russian and Ukrainian-Israeli rabbinical students: Tanya and Sasha. A teenage local Jewish activist for a guide: Aleksey. Two American rabbinical students: Beth and I. Tanya's from Moscow, but has lived in Israel 15 years. She's in her last year of rabbinical school and was our main ritual and educational leader. She's an actress, a musician, and something of a mystic. She asked me what I thought about God's gender issues.

Sasha's from Zhitomir, Ukraine, but came to Israel five years ago. Sasha speaks all languages perfectly, so he was our main translator. He was also our cheerleader, getting us through difficult moments with

gibes at the expense of his motherland. Sasha at a creepy restaurant: "The back of the menu lists what they'll charge you for breaking each type of dish." Sasha on Ukraine's coarse brown toilet paper: "Your butt gets used to it. When Western TV arrived in the 80s, with commercials for feathery white toilet paper, we couldn't believe it. We thought it would be a shame to get it dirty."

Aleksey is 19, a computer science student in Kiev and a leader in NeTZer, the Reform Zionist youth movement. At our seders he drafted people to act out Chad Gadya (a cyclical Passover song with animals, like Old McDonald). Apparently he was disapproving when Tanya and Sasha told him I was gay: that's why Tanya asked me about gender issues, for ideas on how to raise Aleksey's consciousness. But Aleksey and I bonded on another level: he's a nerd and swiftly realized I am too. Aleksey happily quizzed me on math and geography.

Beth kept me entertained with her outrageousness, like Liza Minnelli in *Cabaret*, whom she somewhat resembles. She made friends easily by hugging and kissing

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Commitment to Recovery

by Randy Weled

On Friday April 1st, Congregation Sha'ar Zahav hosted its first annual Recovery Shabbat. The congregation celebrated and honored Jews in recovery. There is a myth that Jews are not alcoholics and that we do not have eating disorders. Additionally, it is taboo to discuss the rampant sex addiction which exists in the gay male community. In her drash, Shelly Rawlings-Fein shared this very sad statistic: 87% of Jews who have sought help from their congregation around addiction have been turned away.

The evening began with a panel of four. Three of the panelists told of their struggle with addiction as well their success in recovery. Two of our own congregants were willing to come out publicly around the issues of alcohol and food. Our third guest panelist shared her story of compulsive debting, a disease that not only affects us financially but centers around our inability to take care of our basic personal needs. I am always moved when people are willing to share the most intimate details of their painful struggle with

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From the Rabbi's Study

I Sing The Body Electric

*I have perceiv'd that to be with those
I like is enough,*

*To stop in company with the rest
at evening is enough,*

*To be surrounded by beautiful, curious,
breathing, laughing flesh is enough,*

*To pass among them, or touch any one,
or rest my arm ever so lightly round
his or her neck for a moment—
what is this, then?*

*I do not ask any more delight—
I swim in it, as in a sea.*

*There is something in staying close
to men and women, and looking on
them, and in the contact and odor of
them, that pleases the soul well;*

*All things please the soul—
but these please the soul well.*

From *I Sing The Body Electric*
by Walt Whitman

Walt Whitman was a poet of great heart, of all-embracing love, which fuses its varieties into one love, erotic, but also compassionate, protective and marveling at everything great and magnificent about us. It is this love we celebrate and lift up in the month of GLBT Pride. With this year's Parade theme as "Stand up, Stand Out, Stand Proud – 35 years of Pride," I hope you'll agree that our calendar of events gives us real opportunity to do just this, in a spiritual, meaningful and religious context. Here are three evening that I hope you'll join me in attending.

Friday night, June 17th

My colleague, Reverend Penny Nixon from the Metropolitan Community Church will speak from our bimah. As you know, I had the honor of speaking at MCC, to a full house, in April. I hope that this is the first of many years that she and I will exchange pulpits. I know there were a number of years, nearly a decade ago now, when our predecessors, Rev. Jim Mitowski and Rabbi Yoel Kahn did so and our congregations were deeply enriched. So, here's to a new era. L'chayim!



Freedom Seder, June 18th

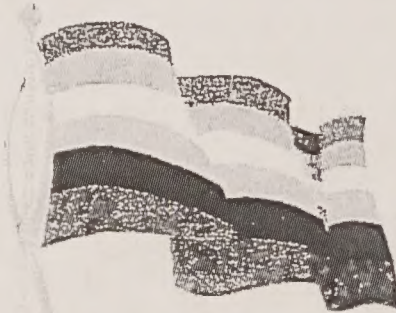
This evening promises to be a highlight of the year.

Congregants have been submitting poems and prose to make our first ever

Freedom Haggadah a work of beauty, depth and originality. Bring friends and come out for this unique Jewish LGBT liberation ritual.

Shabbat Freedom, June 24th

I hope you will join us for this special service. As in years past, it promised to be a gay and festive evening, with inspiring music and liturgy, and what I hope will be a moving message from me. Our new service leader, Natalie Zeituny, will join me and our Ritual Co-Chair, Steve Weitz and our beloved trio, Naked Voices, on the bimah. Our Rabbinic intern, Dev Felder Noily, will be joining us as well, with fresh kavannot (inspired teachings).



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Gratitude

By Arthur Slepian

One of the most amazing things about being president of CSZ is realizing how many people are truly deserving of thanks and praise on a daily basis. I want especially to thank everyone who has served these past two years on the Va'ad and the Executive Committee. It is a privilege and joy to serve with you and to learn from you. As I complete the second year of my presidency and head into a third, I would like to also acknowledge my special gratitude to the following individuals:

Ora Prochovnick, Alex Ingersoll and Rose Katz. These three vice presidents have given so generously of their time and abilities, taking on a variety of challenging projects and leadership roles during the year. I cannot imagine what my presidency would be like without them. They are a joy to work with; I have learned so much from each of them and I feel blessed to be serving along side them.

Karen Schiller. For the past year, we have had the discipline and the information needed to continue on the path to financial strength. This is in no small measure due to the continued remarkable work of our amazing treasurer.

Steve Mazer and Joss Eldredge. I don't think any of us could have imagined quite the success we have had this year with our new Program Committee. The leadership and work of our amazing co-chairs has been efficient, inspired, organized and fantastic.

Tiela Chalmers and the Dues Committee. I and the entire Va'ad are grateful for what we were able to accomplish in working together over the past year and a half with the Dues Committee. We have arrived at a good outcome with our new dues structure, and I think we can take great pride in that outcome and the process that got us there.

Sara Haber. Sara has stepped up to head our leadership development and volunteer coordination efforts at a time when focus in this area is truly needed. I look forward to her service as a Vice President in the coming year.

Tony Harris and Marianne Balin. We have now had two remarkable years of outstanding results from our fundraising efforts. Our Fund Development co-chairs have brought us a long way in a very short period of time.

Robert Bernardo. Robert has begun to rejuvenate our public relations efforts at a time when "upping the wattage" is an essential priority for our community.

Steven Angelides and Gabby Volodarsky. Steven (Administrator) and Gabby (Rabbi's Assistant/Membership Liaison) have earned their new titles.



They have both risen to the challenge of new responsibilities with great dedication. They each make being president much easier.

Sue Bojdak and Howard Herman. The innovation and quality of our religious school is something we can all take pride in. We have one of the best educators available, and Howard Herman has provided remarkable leadership for our CEB for the past two years.

My partner Gerry Llamado. Gerry has provided so much encouragement to me and has put up with my absence from home on many nights. And he has taken on much more than his share of the burdens of keeping our household functioning so that I could have more time and energy to devote to this role. And remarkably he has been very supportive of my continuing on for another year.

Rabbi Angel. Last, but surely not least, I want to express my gratitude to Rabbi Angel. She has been an extraordinary partner to those of us in leadership. I am grateful for her wisdom and insight, and for the encouragement, confidence and trust that she has shown to us over the past year. If I have had some success as president this year, I attribute much of it to the partnership that Rabbi Angel and I have been able to develop.

I also want to acknowledge the leadership and vision that Rabbi Angel has brought to this congregation. Many of the innovative initiatives and programs that have made CSZ such a vibrant and dynamic community this past year have come about directly because of her vision. And in other cases we have achieved a degree of success that might not otherwise have been possible because Rabbi Angel lent her voice, her leadership and her support to these initiatives, and helped us all to imagine the ways in which our community would be strengthened by them.

There are many others I could name. I am grateful to everyone who has given of their time, effort and financial resources to support our community.

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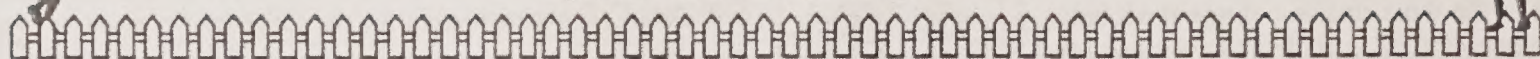
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Baby Chavurah

Sunday, June 12, 10 - noon

Bring those under-twos out to play, sing and commune with like-minded babes and their parents. Join us for potluck brunch, playtime and socializing. This month we meet at the synagogue. Please bring your baby and a vegetarian dish. Older siblings are welcome as are nonmembers. Baby Chavurah meets the second Sunday of each month.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, June 17, 6:30 pm

Meet, eat, sing and celebrate Shabbat with CSZ families and then stay for Friday night services. Families with children of all ages are encouraged to come. Dinner is vegetarian potluck; please bring a dish to share. No RSVP required. Be a part of the *ruach* (spirit) of our community and invite friends and family to join you. Shabbat Shalom!

Ge'avah Family Shabbaton Brings Kids and Adults Together

by Debbie Levy

Another successful ECE (Experiment in Congregational Education) Design Team recently finished up with a Family Shabbaton with Kadimah's Ge'avah class (the youngest class, ages 5-7). The team this year again consisted of CSZ members without children, two parents from the class, and Andrea Guerra, Ge'avah's fearless teacher. Team members were Andrea, Debbie

Levy (our guide through the process), Jessica Alexandra, Alan Foss, Daniel Ostrow, and Lydia Radovitch. We met monthly at first, starting back in November, and discussed what we might want to learn about and teach to our youngest Kadimah members. We reviewed the curriculum options and decided on Pesach – the experience behind it, as well as the holiday's traditions.

Along the way, Rabbi Angel led us in some learning that added to all of our conceptualization of the holiday, and Sue Bojdak spoke to us about how to appropriately convey ideas and information to young students. We learned, we discussed, we got to know each other.

Beginning in February of this year, we took turns in the Ge'avah classroom, teaching mini-lessons of 45 minutes each. Our culminating event – the Family Shabbaton – took place Saturday April 16 – and was a lot of fun. We all agreed that we had met our goals in terms of creating memories with the kids, and of shared learning at a Shabbaton – including kid-focused and adult-level learning. We certainly met our goal, too, of building bridges within our wonderful congregation!

If you might be interested in participating in next year's Design Team, speak to Debbie, Sue or any team members.

Kadimah End of Year Celebration

Saturday, June 4, 11 am-1 pm

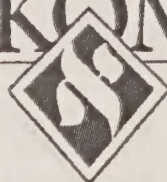
Come and celebrate the end of a rich and challenging year of learning for all of us. We will begin with student presentations from their final unit of the year, Voices of Israel, continue by honoring our teachers and conclude with a potluck lunch at the synagogue. Please bring a vegetarian dish to pass.

LAST DAY of Kadimah – June 4

Contact Sue Bojdak, Director of Family and Children's Education, (415/861-6932 x302 or educator@shaarzahav.org) for more information about any of these programs or to RSVP.

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Schedule

Sunday, 5-8 pm

Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm

Location

The Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies at
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For more information, please call Pat at CJS, 510/649-2482.
Tuition: \$650 (non-credit)

Topic: The Talmud as Political Manifesto

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Evening Course: July 10 - 14

Co-sponsored by Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

Schedule

Sunday, 5 - 8 pm

Monday - Thursday, 6 - 9 pm

Location

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Topic: Am I My Lovers Keeper?

A Case Study in Radical Change

In this course we will begin our exploration of Jewish marriage and sexual ethics from a queer perspective, both as a case study in

how svara has been applied in practice throughout Jewish history, as well as to begin to ask the question: What can we mine from the tradition that will help us as we think about queer relationships and queer marriage today? Let's bring to the table the thinking we've already done about queer relationships as we begin an in-depth examination of the talmudic sources which reflect a history of radical innovations that have long been part of the Jewish tradition. We will be learning from Chapter 1 of Tractate Ketubot, with Rashi.

Registration

If you have any questions, would like to receive an application form, or to be put on SVARA's mailing list, please call Amy Fornari, SVARA Summer Institute Program Coordinator, at 415/373-2038, or email SvaraSummerInstitute@gmail.com. Check our website soon for more detailed information or to download an application form: www.svara.org.

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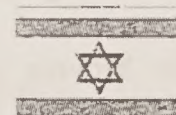
Money should not be a factor in your decision to apply for the Summer Institute. Ample scholarships are available.

About SVARA

SVARA is a queer yeshiva dedicated to the serious study of Talmud, which embraces a Jewish tradition that has always been radical, and where people of diverse religious and spiritual backgrounds, of all sexual orientations, gender expressions and identities, ethnic heritage, racial experience, skin color, class background, and religious observance can gain the necessary text skills and halachic (Jewish legal) expertise to enrich, push, penetrate and contribute to the continuity of the evolving Jewish tradition—and be pushed, challenged and enriched by it.

About Rabbi Lappe

Rabbi Benay Lappe is the co-founder and Rosh Yeshiva of SVARA. Ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, she is the first openly lesbian Conservative rabbi. Rabbi Lappe is an award-winning teacher and is nationally known for her unique approach to the Talmud, which she has taught at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia, the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, and The Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Rabbi Lappe is an Associate at CLAL--The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, a cutting-edge Jewish think tank in New York City, and is the Resident Rabbinic Scholar at Aitz Hayim Center for Jewish Living in Highland Park, IL.



Two Birthdays Filled With Blowin', Puffin', and Hammerin'

with Peter Yarrow and Bethany Yarrow
by Robert Bernardo

More than 300 attendees celebrated the birthdays of Rabbi Camille Shira Angel and CSZ President Arthur Slepian at Fort Mason's Cowell Theater on May 7 with a special concert featuring Peter Yarrow (of the legendary folk-trio Peter, Paul & Mary) and his daughter Bethany Yarrow. This one-night-only event entitled, "A Legacy of Commitment, Ideals, Hope and Dreams" was an evening of entertainment for the entire family.

The show began with a special havdalah service led by Rabbi David Saperstein, Rabbi Camille Shira Angel and cantor Marsha Attie. Rabbi Saperstein, from the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, gave an inspirational commentary about the importance of leaving our next generation with hope for a brighter future. He discussed how our generation has a moral obligation to uphold social reforms created during the civil rights era of the early 1960s and maintain our commitment to world peace. After rousing applause, emcee Alex Ingersoll said, "Now that's a havdalah!"

The theme of the concert was *l'dor vador*, "from generation to generation," so it is only fitting that father and daughter perform together. By performing with Bethany and singing about social justice, Peter is passing along these messages of hope and peace to his next generation. Some of the songs performed that night included Peter, Paul & Mary favorites such as, "Leaving on a Jet Plane," "The Unicorn Song," and "I'm In Love with a Big Blue Frog"—as well as some newer tunes such as "Don't Laugh at Me" and "Have You Been To Jail For Justice?"

One of the highlights that evening was when about two dozen audience members were invited onstage to sing along with the Yarrows to the children's favorite, "Puff (The Magic Dragon)." Bethany passed the microphone around to each person so that they could sing various lines of the song.

In between songs, Peter and Bethany told stories about their experiences living in a family that stood at the forefront of the civil rights movement. They also shared some anecdotes behind each of the songs. For example, prior to performing "No Easy Walk to Freedom," Bethany talked about South African president Nelson Mandela and the struggle to

combat apartheid back in the 1980s.

For their finale, Peter and Bethany invited the CSZ a cappella trio "Naked Voices" (Steve Weitz, Jonathan Funk and Kipp Leyser) to sing several songs with them. These songs included "Blowin' In The Wind," "This Land Is Your Land," and "If I Had A Hammer." They also sang a truly moving version of "Light One Candle," a tune that has become an anthem for the Jewish ethical commitment to work for a better world (*tikkun olam*).

After the concert, a special wine and dessert event was held in the theater lobby where CSZ staff and volunteers provided guests and friends with plenty of refreshments. Peter Yarrow kindly offered to sign autographs, chat and take pictures with longtime fans. It was an elegant way to end a very memorable concert.

Special thanks to CSZ member Lydia Radovich for producing this event and to her entire volunteer staff for making it a huge success. All of the proceeds from this concert go directly to music, youth and social justice programs at Sha'ar Zahav.



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everyone she met, even astonished strangers on the street. Of course, she's a pretty girl; it would have a different connotation if I did it.

There is a lot of anti-Semitism around there. Bohdan Khmelnytsky, the Hitler of the 17th century, is on the five-hryvnia bill. In an art gallery we saw a famous old painting of a tallis'd, tefillin'd mob ominously surrounding a terrified young woman. Jewish sites are routinely vandalized. We visited Babi Yar in Kiev and Drobitsky Yar in Kharkov, where the Nazis shot tens of thousands of Jews with the cooperation of local Ukrainians. But in Kiev there were also monuments to Golda Meir and Yiddish author Sholem Aleichem, both of whom once lived in the city. And all the Ukrainians we met were welcoming, even after we told them we'd flown in from Israel. One savvy cab driver wished us a happy Passover.

What's worse than the anti-Semitism is infighting among the Jews. Chabad, the most aggressive Chasidic sect, is the main Jewish movement in the former Soviet Union, and they're openly trying to snuff out Reform Judaism. Chabad refuses to participate in any public event if Reform leaders are present, and they have the clout to get their way. Kharkov's beautiful pre-Revolutionary Reform synagogue, confiscated by the Communists, was recently "returned" to Chabad. Et cetera. (*)

The Reform congregations we visited were small, 20-40 people, mostly young adults. That seems to be the main constituency for Reform Judaism over there: students interested in exploring their Jewish identity, but turned off by the rigidity of Orthodoxy. The seders we attended were very informal. The one in Kharkov even included a couple of MTV-ish dance numbers. Tanya was the main seder leader, with Sasha as her assistant. Beth and I just had a few lines. At each event I grabbed an opportunity to make some brief remarks in Russian, to general amusement. I was like a waltzing bear. What's remarkable is not how gracefully it waltzes, but the fact that it waltzes at all.

The seder menus were untraditional. No gefilte fish. No matzo balls. Only a symbolic dab of charoset. They served cold cuts, salads, fruit. In general I liked the food in Ukraine: chicken soup with halushky (overstuffed ravioli), oniony borscht, cold cucumber soup with sour cream, green salad with the local pyriatynsky cheese, a cross between Swiss and feta, egg salad with herring and beets, and chicken Kiev, breaded and fried. I am sure we ate a ton of pork. The restaurants always solemnly swore it was beef and

my companions seemed to take this at face value, but they don't have as much experience with pork as I do.

Ukraine was a shlep. Less than three hours flying time from Israel, we didn't even have to reset our watches, but it's a country out of another era. All the same, it was powerful to sit around a seder table, behind the ex-Iron Curtain, singing Dayenu with my ex-Soviet co-religionists. It vindicated so much of my own journey: Russian studies, synagogue involvement, rabbinical school. It was all the validation I could have hoped for. Dayenu: it was enough.

(*) Note from CSZ member, Ron Lezell: Your support of CSZ's efforts to promote the spread of Reform/Progressive Judaism through ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America) and WUPJ (World Union for Progressive Judaism) helps to counter the efforts of Chabad and other ultra Orthodox movements to delegitimize the Reform Movement.

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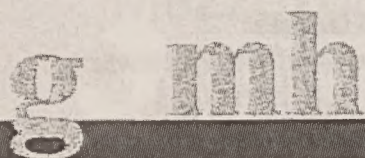
life. These people opened the hearts of the 20 people who attended the panel. It is a shared belief in recovery, the true solution to the problem of addiction, is a spiritual one.

I was then privileged to discuss sex addiction from the point of view of a therapist. On the Oprah Show it was stated that the estimated number of Americans dealing with some form of sexual addiction was staggering. It has become the largest addiction of all with the bulk of people spending hours on the internet surfing porn websites.

The Shabbat Service that followed focused on the spiritual solution as well as educated the congregation on how the whole Jewish community suffers when we remain ignorant. There were several people who attended our services for the first time.

As a result of this event the Va'ad was moved to open its doors to recovery programs. In the days following, two groups requested the use of our space. We hope this is the beginning of a deep awareness of how our community can reach out and support not only ourselves, but the larger community of our city.

We have made a commitment to support our congregants in their struggle with addiction. I led an eight-week group for people in recovery. I am also always available to speak confidentially with any individual suffering with these issues. Whether you are already in recovery or thinking that you might have a problem, please contact me by calling the (415) 861-6932 x311.



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in memory of Philip Sherman.

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in honor of Arthur Slepian and
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Arthur Slepian and Gerry Llamado

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Karen Segal for co-leading our
Passover Seder.
in honor of Chris Black and
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their wedding!

Kenneth Theriault and Doug Furness

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in honor of Arthur's milestone birthday.
in honor of Rabbi Angel's milestone
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in memory of beloved wife and mother,
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in honor of our teachers, Rabbi Angel,
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Nichols being called to the Torah.

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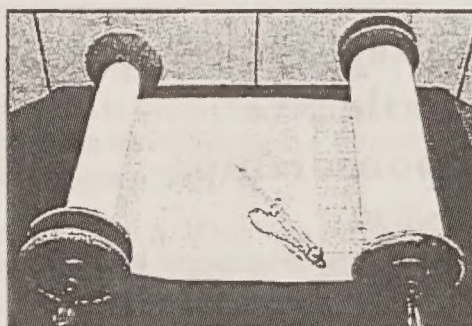
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New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

Gina Centanni

Harrison Charles Weinberg, age 12
and Joseph Benjamin Weinberg, age 9
Robert Erik Sikovitz (Erik)
Julia Velson

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

Birthdays

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|----|---------------------------|
| 1 | Donald Abrams |
| 2 | Nina Wouk |
| 2 | Asa DiGirolamo Klein |
| 3 | Douglas Carlson |
| 4 | Lea Salem |
| 4 | Ora Prochovnick |
| 4 | Hanya Barth |
| 5 | Gregory Ramos |
| 5 | Rick Crane |
| 6 | Red Bennett |
| 8 | Marianne Balin |
| 9 | Laura Lowe |
| 9 | Sophia Katz |
| 9 | Lucy Cefalu |
| 9 | Barbara Becker |
| 10 | Daniel Chesir |
| 10 | Claudia Bernard |
| 10 | Rose Katz |
| 11 | Annie Winters |
| 11 | Eric Johansson |
| 12 | Susan Simpson |
| 14 | Karen Golinski |
| 15 | Steven Wiesner |
| 16 | Monica Levin |
| 16 | Shayna Prochovnick |
| 16 | Alan Karras |
| 16 | Nancy Levin |
| 17 | Pieter De Haan |
| 17 | Wayne Bender |
| 17 | Adam Bellm Kahn |
| 17 | Jon Uytterlinde |
| 18 | Susan Lubeck |
| 18 | Vanessa Teplin |
| 19 | Michael Kurokawa |
| 19 | Michal Goralsky |
| 20 | Larry Wexler |
| 20 | Serafina Persiko Benjamin |



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| 20 | Janis Portal |
| 21 | Eileen Levy |
| 21 | Richard Sinkoff |
| 22 | Sarita Groisser |
| 22 | Nancy Windesheim |
| 22 | Marc Wernick |
| 23 | Louis Hirschmann |
| 24 | Tamhas Griffith |
| 25 | Steve Weiner |
| 26 | Marc Lipschutz |
| 26 | Sarah Walsh |
| 27 | Amanda Littauer |
| 28 | Lisa Katz |
| 29 | Eve Meyer |
| 29 | Emma Buchbinder |
| 30 | Daryl Goldman |

Anniversaries

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| 2 | Beth Ross and
Laura Trupin |
| 2 | Lillian Schaechner and
Elaine Weissman |
| 7 | Stephanie Godt and
Ellen Novogrodsky |
| 10 | Judith Bell and James Greenberg |
| 10 | Eric Temple and Garry Schermann |
| 10 | Frank Yellin and Mark Showalter |
| 13 | Dan Bellm and Yoel Kahn |
| 14 | Miriam Trentman and Robert Morelli |
| 16 | Lisa Ochs and Lea Salem |
| 18 | Eric Weiss and Dan Alpert |
| 19 | Dana Vinicoff and Sarah Peterson |
| 21 | Shelley M. Samuels and
Robin Dubner |
| 24 | Lyssa Friedman and Daphne Stuart |
| 25 | Shelley R. Adler and Nancy Showen |
| 25 | Sue Bodjak and Debra Yates |
| 30 | Ann Biderman and Kit Kennedy |



Oneg, Flower and Childcare Sponsorships



April 1/2

Bimah flowers sponsored by **Diane Allen**
and Kathleen Quenneville in
honor of Ida Kuluk's and Jeanette
Nichols's b'nai mitzvot.

Friday oneg sponsored by **Samuel** in
recognition of his mom and
Aunt Shelli.

Friday night child care sponsored by
Randy Blaustein in honor of
Shelli Rawlings-Fein and
Randy Weled.

Saturday oneg sponsored by
Susan Tubbesing and
Sarah Nathe in honor of Ida
Kuluk's and Jeanette Nichols's
b'nai mitzvot.

8/9

Bimah flowers sponsored by
Chris Black and **Harold Zatz** in
honor of their aufruf.

Friday oneg sponsored by **Chris Black**
and **Harold Zatz** in honor of their
aufruf.

Friday night child care sponsored by
Barbara Braasch in memory of
her mother, Renee Braasch.

15/16

Bimah flowers sponsored by the **Va'ad** in
honor of Arthur and Gerry's 10th
anniversary.

Oneg sponsored by **Arthur Slepian** and
Gerry Llamado in honor of their
10th anniversary.

Friday Night Child Care sponsored by
Don Fischer in honor of Arthur
and Gerry's 10th anniversary.

22/23

Oneg sponsored by **Rebecca Goldfader**
in memory of her father,
Sidney Goldfader.

29/30

Oneg sponsored by **Marianne Balin**
in memory of her father,
Howard Balin.

Yahrzeits

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| 2 | Mark Feldman |
| 8 | Robert Nehemiah Mackey |
| 9 | Duff Kreitzberg |
| 14 | Mirtha Beal |
| 15 | Barry Siegel |
| 16 | Richard Rath |
| 17 | Joe Zygielbaum |
| 20 | William Valentine |

Condolences

Jerry Polansky, on the death of his
brother, Jon Polansky.

Kevin Johnson, on the death of his
friend, Paul Tunnell.

Rob Daroff, on the death of his
grandmother, May Daroff.

Aimee Durfee, on the death of her friend,
Cindy Marano.

Lonnie Weiss, on the death of her friend,
Elsie Weiss.

Naches

Chris Black and
Harold Zatz on the
occasion of their wedding.



Jonathan Pannor on his new position at
Kaiser's Department of Psychiatry in
San Rafael.

Classifieds

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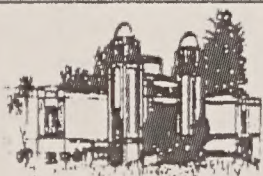
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5	27	7	29	9	10	11
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12	5	14	7	16	17	18
10 am Baby Chavurah 6 pm Tikkun Leil Shabbat 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	13 Shavuot OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 6:30 pm Community Memorial Service	4 pm Midweek Kadimah 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 7 pm A Taste of Judaism	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 7 pm Jewish papercuts with Alan Foss	6:30 pm Family Shabbat dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Services led by Kabbalat Shabbat Ensemble and Rabbi Angel	9 am Torah Study 10 am Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Angel 7 pm Freedom Seder (for SF Pride)
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